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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN STAFF COMPLAINT AGAINST OSAGE WATER COMPANY

Jefferson City (October 16, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on **October 24, 2002**, in a PSC Staff complaint case filed against the Osage Water Company.

The hearing is scheduled to start at 8:30 am on October 24, 2002, in the Commission's hearing room which is located on the 3rd floor of the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this hearing may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) before the hearing.

On October 7, 2002, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint against the Osage Water Company alleging the owners of the company have abandoned the company and that there is an imminent danger that customers of the Osage Water Company will lose their water or sewer service. The PSC Staff is seeking authority from the Commission to file a petition in circuit court seeking the appointment of a receiver to take over the control and responsibility of the Osage Water Company. The PSC Staff has also asked that it be authorized to ask the circuit court to instruct the receiver to liquidate the company.

The Osage Water Company serves approximately 220 water customers and 155 sewer customers in Camden County.